

## Continuations Continue State of the Newsletter

It is great to have so many continuing narratives to present. It makes us wish that we could afford to publish larger issues. This not being the case, please be patient about seeing the fine material you have shared printed in DD's usual 5 pages.

We've also received some good ideas, especially from Susan Bidwell Williams, about a way to share information on the lines being researched by our readers. This might be a regular feature & would include the name of & generation number of the ancestor who is the primary focus of research, plus the reader's name & address. In this manner others with similar interests could make direct contact. Those who would like to submit such brief materials may do so at this time.

Of course DD's main concern is to gather & preserve the little human interest anecdotes that highlight the individuality (& the common threads of character that seem to bind us all together) that may be recalled about any Dunham descendant. So please search your memory for those little stories & write them down before they swirl down the drain forever. They are the most fragile kind of family history, but often the most illuminating & the most delightful.

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**Life & Times of Solomon Dunham** (shared by Harold Leeman) PART 4: Continuing with the children of Solomon Dunham (1793-1865)(7)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Elisha 4, Elisha 5, Elijah 6). Julia, first mentioned below, was a granddaughter of Solomon, daughter of his son Daniel (1821-1910).

Julia married Walter R. Powis, an editor and publisher from Brooklyn, N.Y., and they had a daughter Louise, who married Mr. Brown, who was with the Y.M.C.A. and was sent to the Philippines; Louise Brown and her mother, Julia Powis, formed a company called the Powis-Brown Lingerie Company; the embroidery was done in the islands and sent to Mrs. Brown, who sold it in Chicago

Harriet, b. Jan. 13, 1823, d. Nov. 3, 1885; m.

Mark Wentworth Fletcher, Aug. 25, 1846

Cordelia, b. Mar. 11, 1825, d. Apr. 1906; m.

Sep. 26, 1847 to Peter Pratt, who was born in Erie County, N.Y. on Mar. 1, 1823, the son of Luther and Ruby (Shippy) who moved to Kane County

in 1842; Peter and Cordelia had five children: Mark D. who died May 20, 1860 at the age of 11; George, who lived in Washington state; Jessie, who married Thomas Julian and lived in Plato Center, Ill.; Frank; Emma, who married Charles

NOTE: "Plato Center" is most likely PLANO CENTER.

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SOLOMON DUNHAM (from Page 1)

Coleman and whose children were Charles,  
Francis, Leslie, and Ruby (from Jane Dunham)

Jane, b. Apr. 9, 1827, d. Aug. 21, 1852; m. Daniel

Stearns in 1848 (see Stearns line)

Julia b. 1828 d. 1846  
Franklin, b. 1830, d. at seven months

Helen, b. Mar. 29, 1834, d. Jan. 20, 1916; was a

year old on the way from New York to Illinois;

m. Daniel Stearns in 1853 (see Stearns line)

Emily, b. 1838, d. Aug. 22, 1839, age one year  
and four days

Emma, b. July 5, 1839 in DuPage County, Ill; m.

Dec. 31, 1872 to Robert Carswell who was born  
in Scotland May 1, 1837, the son of Allen and  
Janet (Johnson) Carswell; he had lived in N.Y.  
and N.J. before moving to DuPage County; he had  
learned the carpenter trade in N.J.; he had  
173 acres of land in Wayne Township where he  
raised Norman horses and conducted a dairy with  
37 cows; they had four children: Robert F.  
Ira A.; Grace D., who married Charles Laughlin  
and had two daughters; and Willard B.

Mark Wentworth, b. June 22, 1842, d. in 1899; m.

Carrie M. Dunham (5th cousin) on May 29, 1877;  
she was born July 2, 1858 at Monticello, Iowa,  
the daughter of Frederick S. Dunham; Mark was  
educated in local school, then went to Batavia

and Elgin academies, then Wheaton College; from  
the age of 15, his father's farm was largely  
under his direction and management and was left  
to him at his father's death; the farm consisted  
of about 300 acres, with buildings of moderate  
dimensions; it is now called "Oaklawn Farm" and  
grew to 1200 acres; Mark imported Percheron horses  
from France; at one time he had about 800 horses;  
he built a white brick and stone chateau; it is  
surrounded by 35 acres of beautifully landscaped  
grounds, including a tennis court where his  
daughter-in-law later gave tennis lessons to  
the young people in the Sunday school; for about  
20 years, Mark Dunham imported about 2000  
Percheron mares from France; he would have  
nothing but the best; his children were: Wirth  
Stewart, b. Mar 28, 1878 (he married Mary Ward  
and their children were Barbara - who married  
John Dole - and Jane); Bernice, b. Feb. 21,  
1880, d. 1979; and Belle, b. Aug. 10, 1881

Information for the Dunham line was taken from the DuPage  
County History by Rufus Blanchard; Kane County History from the  
Elgin library; Biographical and Historical Records of Kane County,  
Illinois from the Elgin library; Hills English History from the  
Seattle library; Dunham Lineage and Royal Line by Innes from the  
Seattle library; and the Solomon history was given by Jane Dunham  
and Ethel Stearns.



1934 BOOKLET re Ephraim Dunham (1788-1857) (8) (Thomas 1, Jonathan 2, Nathaniel 3, David 4, John 5, John 6, John 7) received from Cleo Holmes. PART 2.

Ephraim Dunham's new land, purchased from the government in the year 1854, was on the south edge of the village later known as Indian Town, Iowa. While living there, Ephraim and his daughter, Phoebe, who had purchased land adjoining her father's, each gave an acre of their land for a cemetery, which still stands near the old settlement, surrounded only by farming land at the present time.

Ephraim Dunham lived to be 63 years old, dying on August 14, 1857. He was buried in this cemetery, as was his daughter Phoebe Dunham, who died June 6, 1896.

Jonas Dunham was the first of Ephraim's family to move west, coming 2 years before his father did. Jonas was married September 7, 1852 to Mary Clark Voorhies, in Warren County, Ohio, just before he started west. They made the trip in covered wagons, first settling on a farm in Lee County, Ia. While they lived there, their first son, Dennis Clark was born to them, June 27, 1853.

While Jonas Dunham was a resident of Lee County, his sister, Susan Amelia and her husband, Alonzo Vreeland, moved to Lee County. When Susan and Alonzo came to Iowa, they traveled on the first train that ever ran west from Chicago, coming to Davenport where they were ferried across the Mississippi River. The people saluted the train with cannons that shot with such force that the glass was broken out of the train windows.

Shortly afterward, in the year 1853, Jonas Dunham and his wife came on farther north and west in the state, having purchased land from the government for themselves as well as for their father, Ephraim, and two sisters.

Jonas' 160 acres of land lay on what was then known as the Devil's Anvil, near the little village later known as Indian Town. Before moving out to this farm, Jonas and Mary first lived for a short time in Indian Town, where their twins, Eliza and Susan were born.

In 1854, Jonas went back to Indiana and helped his father, Ephraim Dunham, to dispose of his eighty acres of land in Noble County. This was traded for horses, which Jonas started to drive west to the new home in Iowa. He sold them off as he came along

and had three left when he reached Indian Town. One of these three horses was called "Old Blaze". Jonas kept this horse on his farm for several years, then sold it to his sister, Susan Vreeland, and descendants of this horse were kept until about ten years ago on the Vreeland farm.

The land belonging to Jonas' sister, Susan Vreeland, and her husband, was on the Old State Road, just on the west edge of what we now know as Montour.

Jonas Dunham and his brother-in-law, Joe Jack, who married Mary Ann Dunham, built and operated the first sawmill at Indian Town. They sawed the lumber for his sister, Susan Vreeland's first home, which was 24 feet square, and consisted of five rooms. It was the first frame house built on the Old State Road, on the hill just west of Montour, most of the other homes then being only log houses.

Hampton Voorhies, a cousin of both Jonas and Mary Clark Dunham, and his wife, Esther Jane, also came west at this time. They settled in the village of Indian Town, where they built and operated the first hotel the village had. This building is still standing and is used as a dwelling. *until 1910 the 10*

In these days, the nearest trading post was Iowa City, where they had to drive overland for all provisions. The trip generally took them six days, as they had to ford all the streams. If they were taking a load of wheat to sell, they had to sack it all, so that if they should get stuck in one of the streams, they could carry the grain, sack by sack, until the load was light enough that the horses could pull it out.

Many times they didn't have money enough to stop at the Taverns which were only five or six miles apart along the way, and would have to sleep under their wagons at night.

While they lived on the Anvil Farm, Jonas and Mary Dunham had six more children, namely: Jonas Junior, Mary Ann, Emma, Ella, Ephraim Williams and James Wilson. James died at the age of two days and his mother, Mary, left for her reward five days later, on November 3, 1864, being only 32 years old.

The stone barn built by Jonas Dunham while he lived on the Anvil Farm, is still standing, a building so solid and enduring that it reveals the character of its builder.

On February 14, 1867, just two years after the death of Mary Dunham, Jonas married a second time, marrying Mrs. Minerva Luce. They moved to Davis County, Iowa, where one child was born to them, Stanley Marshall. They lived there about three years, when the second wife died on September 29, 1870. Jonas, Sr. then moved back to the Anvil Farm, later selling it and moving to the LeGrand Station Farm.

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ALBERT SENECA DUNHAM (1837-1901) (3)(Edward 1, Seneca 2) is one of the more difficult-to-research Dunhams, although he lived most of his life in a little enclave of Dunhams in Southwestern Michigan. At right he is shown with his first wife, Amelia R. Dunham (1848-1867), a daughter of Hartwell B. Dunham (1822-1898), said to have been a cousin.

Betty Brown, Lakewood, CO (whom we thank for the picture & the information) has been working on the problem of this couple's relationship & ancestry for many years, diligently but without success.

Here is a thought regarding this problem, probably inconsequential. Betty states that Seneca (1807-1887)(#2 in Albert Seneca's line) was born in "Great Nine Partners, Dutchess Co., NY, which she could not locate. This place was usually called just Nine Partners, & in the Pawling, NY area, a fact which we know because of having many, many ancestors in that area, most of whom were Quakers.

Albert & Amelia married on Christmas day, 1865 in Plainwell, MI. Their home (below) was in Cooper, Kalamazoo, MI.

We'll have more on this family at a later date.





Dunham Births in New York  
compiled by Bill Burke

	year	name	date	location	County	Cer. No.
173	1913	Franklin E.	4/17	Port Henry	Essex	20748
174	1915	William H.	12/12	Port Henry	Essex	?
175	1911	Donald W.	8/29	Westport	Essex	54952
176	1914	Genevieve M.	8/21	Westport	Essex	60678
177	1921	Margaret E.	9/27	Westport	Essex	77165
178	1899	F	5/16	Earlville	Franklin	18207
179	1902	F	7/29	Malone	Franklin	29310
180	1917	Thelma I.	12/6	Tupper Lake	Franklin	102993
181	1920	LeRoy S.	5/20	Tupper Lake	Franklin	39488
182	1922	Bernard C.	9/27	Tupper Lake	Franklin	74710
183	1896	Arthur	8/18	G'ville	Fulton	35817
184	1905	Mary S.	2/22	G'ville	Fulton	7721
185	1921	Donald F.	10/12	G'ville	Fulton	86307
186	1922	Lee F.	7/13	G'ville	Fulton	56202
187	1897	F	12/12	Johnstown	Fulton	53971
188	1888	Minnie	3/29	Mayfield	Fulton	11438
189	1891	Frank	6/5	Northampton	Fulton	22105
190	1918	Melissa B.	4/7	Northville	Fulton/Suffolk	?
191	1920	John H.	9/6	Northville	Fulton/Suffolk	76175
192	1921	Muriel W.	11/9	Northville	Fulton/Suffolk	95335
193	1891	M	3/8	Batavia	Genesee	9458
194	1892	Mary B.	11/18	Batavia	Genesee	46261
195	1893	M	10/21	Batavia	Genesee	43377
196	1894	Frank R.	8/29	Batavia	Genesee	35975
197	1896	Lucille H.	12/12	Batavia	Genesee	54138
198	1898	Alida G.	10/16	Batavia	Genesee	41615
199	1915	Charles	6/20	Batavia	Genesee	47459
200	1917	Arline C.	6/11	Batavia	Genesee	48475
201	1918	M	3/5	Batavia	Genesee	?
202	1921	Janette A.	2/4	Batavia	Genesee	12259
203	1899	M	3/16	Darien	Genesee	9926
204	1902	F	1/30	Darien	Genesee	24893
205	1904	M	2/26	Darien	Genesee	7568
206	1914	(Leverae ?)	10/26	Genesee	Genesee ?	79058
207	1898	M	4/4	Athens	Greene	13544
208	1900	M	9/30	Athens	Greene	38259
209	1889	M	12/10	Hansonville	Greene	46195
210	1902	F	8/30	Hensonville	Greene	34025
211	1905	M	3/17	Hensonville	Greene	11277
212	1915	F	10/16	Hensonville	Greene	83506
213	1885	Nellie A.	3/22	Hunter	Greene	8315
214	1888	William S.	2/11	Jewett	Greene	46932
215	1897	Frank	9/15	Jewett	Greene	40692

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